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SUBJECT: SEMINAR - "UTILIZATION OF LABOR STATISTICS BY TRADE  
UNIONS"

FOR:MATTSON/EMBASSY

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1. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (DOL) IS COOPERATING WITH THE  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN LABOR CENTER (AALC) IN A SEMINAR FOR TRADE  
UNION REPRESENTATIVES FROM 6 AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN NAIROBI,  
NOVEMBER 4 THROUGH 22.

2. THE TRADE UNIONISTS ATTENDING THIS SEMINAR WILL BE FROM  
KENYA, GHANA, NIGERIA, ZAMBIA, SIERRA LEONE AND ETHIOPIA.

3. THE SEMINAR IS DESIGNED TO EXPLAIN: (A) VALUE OF LABOR  
STATISTIC; (B) HOW COST OF LIVING PRICE INDEX AND COST OF  
LIVING WAGE INCREASE ARE COMPUTED; (C) TO CREATE INTEREST  
OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION LEADERSHIP IN STATISTICS;(D) TO  
ENCOURAGE TRADE UNIONISTS IN AFRICA TO WORK WITH THEIR  
RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS TO ESTABLISH LABOR AND MANPOWER  
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STATISTICS THAT WOULD BE USEFUL TO GOVERNMENTS AND UNIONS

IN ECONOMIC PLANNING. THE SEMINAR IS A PILOT PROJECT THAT COULD LEAD TO ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS IN THE TRADE UNION FIELD.

4. MR. DAVID KAPLAN OF THE ECONOMIC DISTRIBUTION FOUNDA-

TION, A FORMER ECONOMIST WITH THE MACHINIST AND TEAMSTERS UNIONS, AND MR. FREDERICK MUELLER OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS WILL CONDUCT THE SEMINAR. RESOURCE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE MR. DAVID SUMMERS, AALC'S LABOR EDUCATOR STATIONED IN ADDIS ABABA AND MS GWEN NEWTON OF THE OFFICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, AFL-CIO.

5. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY NAIROBI ARRANGE DURING THE 3 WEEK WORKSHOP FOR THE U.S. PARTICIPANTS TO MEET WITH KENYAN TRADE UNIONISTS, LABOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND INTERESTED UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS. AALC'S SUMMERS CAN ASSIST EMBASSY.

6. USIA SPEAKER'S BUREAU WASHINGTON HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CABLE OTHER AFRICAN POSTS THAT KAPLAN AND MUELLER ARE AVAILABLE FOR SPEAKING ASSIGNMENTS EN ROUTE U.S. FOLLOWING NAIROBI SEMINAR. REQUESTS WILL BE SENT DIRECTLY TO NAIROBI.

7. KAPLAN, MUELLER AND NEWTON SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE NAIROBI OCTOBER 29. SUMMERS WILL MEET. HE HAS ARRANGED FOR HOTEL AT WESTWOOD PARK. SUMMERS HAS BEEN IN NAIROBI FOR LAST 2 WEEKS ARRANGING SEMINAR.

8. SEMINAR MATERIALS ARE EN ROUTE VIA PAN AM AIR FREIGHT; C/O AMBASSADOR, AMEMBASSY NAIROBI, ATTENTION: DAVE SUMMERS AALC FOR LABOR WORKSHOPS, AIRWAY BILL NUMBER K0436726. REQUEST EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN CLEARING CUSTOMS. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY PROVIDE NORMAL ASSISTANCE AND COURTESIES. INGERSOLL

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